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Vehicle Theft Prevention and Awareness Day

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In an effort to increase awareness and education about auto thefts in Arizona, law enforcement agencies throughout the State are coordinating their efforts in a one-day celebration of crime prevention. On March 4th, 2006, Governor Janet Napolitano will sign a Proclamation designating the day as "Vehicle Theft Prevention and Awareness Day." Participating agencies throughout the State will host auto theft prevention events.

The Scottsdale Police Department is teaming up with Target to provide "FREE" V.I.N. etching for your motor vehicle, distribute literature with tips on how to prevent auto-thefts, and display several locking devices you can utilize to safeguard your motor vehicle. The event will take place on Saturday March 4th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Target is located at 15444 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard (next to the 101 freeway). The event will be in the west parking lot.

V.I.N. etching is a process whereby the vehicle identification number or VIN, is acid etched onto each window of a vehicle. This process marks a vehicle with its own set of "fingerprints" which is a deterrent for criminals to steal your vehicle. "Chop Shops" are only interested in selling untraceable vehicles and their

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Message from Commander Duggan

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Our second operational goal, *respond promptly to calls for service*, is our primary service level item. We strive to respond to emergency calls for service in less than six minutes. Other non-emergency calls are prioritized and often take longer for officers to respond. Because we are the most densely populated police district, we are committed to ensuring our beat officers remain in their assigned beat areas whenever possible.

In addition to preventing crime, enforcing traffic laws and arresting criminals, officers must perform a number of administrative duties which require them to have access the department's internal computer system. Historically, officers had to remain in, or return to, their district station to access the system causing a void in neighborhood beat coverage. To address this issue, the police department utilizes five off-site beat offices spread throughout the district. Beat offices contain computer systems that allow officers and police aides to conduct their administrative work without having to leave their assigned beat area. As a result, response times are kept to a minimum and officers are less likely to have to travel outside of their beat to conduct administrative business.

Traffic Safety Zone

District 1 personnel will provide increased traffic enforcement in the area of Hayden and Thomas Roads. Please drive carefully.



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parts. Etching takes that profit away and a thief will typically bypass etched vehicles and attempt to steal vehicles that have not been etched instead.

In addition to the vehicle VIN etching and auto theft awareness initiative, the Scottsdale Fire Department will install and inspect child safety seats. Approximately 80% of safety seats are used incorrectly. These errors could result in the child not being fully protected in a crash, increasing the risk of injuries or death.

Watch Your Car



The Watch Your Car decal program is a free, voluntary program where vehicle owners enroll their vehicles with the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. The vehicle is then entered into the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) database and participants receive decals for their front and rear windows.

By displaying the decals, vehicle owners are telling law enforcement that they don't usually use their vehicle between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM, when the majority of auto thefts occur. If a police officer sees the vehicle in operation between these hours, the owner gives the police permission to stop the vehicle and verify the rightful owner or designee is operating it. For more information visit www.azwatchyourcar.com

If you would like any additional information on crime prevention please contact me at (480) 312-0275 or e-mail me at ksneed@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Crime Suspects identifying themselves as City Water Employees

The Scottsdale Police Department is investigating a series of incidents where a person or persons fraudulently identify themselves as "city water" to gain entry into a residence and take items of value. Residents are being advised to take precautions when confronted with unknown persons at their door.

The Scottsdale Water department will never ask for entry into a private home for any reason. A person or persons asking for entry into your home should never show up unannounced and should produce proper identification before being allowed in. If you are not absolutely certain of the person's identity, do not allow them in. Utility companies will normally schedule an appointment in advance, unless there is an emergency. Residents are urged to call the police immediately if they have a suspicious person show up at their door asking for entry into their home. If you have information on these crimes, please call the Scottsdale Police Department at 480-312-5000.

Calendar of Events

World Baseball Classic March 5-11

Scottsdale Stadium will be one of five venues worldwide to host first-round games of the inaugural World Baseball Classic. The tournament will bring together the best players in the world to compete for their countries. For details visit: www.worldbaseballclassic.com

The Scottsdale Police Department Wants You!



The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384, or e-mail: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.